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SUBJ: SITREP 9, 1600 HOURS LOCAL, JULY 21

1. AIR OF NORMALCY RETURNING TO KABUL, AS TANKS WITHDRAWN FROM STRONG POINTS; POLICEMEN GRADUALLY APPEAR TO BE RETURNING TO DUTY, ALTHOUGH MILITARY GUARDS AND APC UNITS STILL POSTED ABOUT CITY. ROADBLOCK OF STREET TO DAUD'S HOME LIFTED TEMPORARILY EVENING JULY 20 BUT REIMPOSED JULY 21.

2. KABUL AIRPORT SITUATION SOMEWHAT CONFUSED DURING FIRST DAY PARTIAL RESUMPTION INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICE. FIRST OUTBOUND

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FLIGHT ARIANA BOEING 727 DEPARTED 1300 LOCAL FOR KANDAHAR, TEHRAN, BEIRUT. AFGHAN MILITARY IN CHARGE OF AIRPORT REFUSED PERMISSION DISPATCH EMBASSY DIPLOMATIC POUCH. PERSONAL MAIL

WAS CONFISCATED BY AUTHORITIES AND RETURNED SEVERAL HOURS LATER AFTER AMBASSADOR'S STIFF PROTEST. REGULAR SATURDAY SOVIET AEROFLOT ARRIVED FROM TASHKENT BUT WAS IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDED BY AFGHAN TROOPS. 50-60 PASSENGERS AND CREW ESCORTED BY TROOPS TO TERMINAL. ARIANA FLIGHT FROM TEHRAN ARRIVED 1500 LOCAL. INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE AT LEAST PARTLY RESUMED. LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE STILL OUT.

3. PUBLIC RALLY (PROBABLY INSTIGATED BY GOVERNMENT) TOOK PLACE FRIDAY, WITH CROWDS GATHERED BY BUSES AND LORRIES TRAVELLING ABOUT CITY PROCLAIMING SUPPORT FOR DAUD AND NEW REPUBLIC. FAVORITE ROUTE TAKEN BY CARS AND CASUAL STROLLERS IS STREET FRONTING ABDUL WALI'S HOME, WHICH PROMINENTLY DISPLAYS TWO Gaping HOLES LEFT BY TANK CANNON FIRE EARLY MORNING JULY 17. EMBASSY HAS REASONABLY RELIABLE REPORT FROM AFGHAN SOURCE THAT CROWN PRINCE AHMAD SHAH, ABDUL WALI, SHAH WALI KHAN, PRIME MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER ALL WERE SEEN IN KABUL "PRISON" (PROBABLY PRIVATE HOME) AND WERE REPORTED IN GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-CARED FOR.

4. REPORTS THAT NEW ACTING CHIEF AIR FORCE GENERAL RAZAQ ASSEMBLED TROOPS AT BASE AND REPORTEDLY TOLD THEM TO HELP SQUELCH RUMORS THAT RUSSIANS BEHIND COUP.

5. RADIO AFHHANISTAN REPORTS THAT INDIA, WEST GERMANY, MONGOLIA AND EAST GERMANY HAVE RECOGNIZED NEW REGIME. JULY 21 GOVERNMENT DAILY ISLAH-ANIS SHOWS PICTURE OF DAUD MEETING WITH "CENTRAL COMMITTEE." NO IDENTITIES GIVEN BUT AMONG ELEVEN PERSONS SHOWN SOME WERE IDENTIFIED TO AMBASSADOR WHO EMPHASIZED THEY WERE "NOT THE GOVERNMENT" BUT MEMBERS OF COUP GROUP.

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HAD FIVE MINUTE

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PTOROCOL CALL ON DAUD (PURSUANT ^E MESSAGE
JULY 20) AND REPORTED THAT DAUD LOOKED "ABSOLUTELY EXHAUSTED". *2 Balas*

7. UNLESS OTHERWISE WARRANTED, THIS WILL BE FINAL SITREP ON
AFGHAN COUP. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE COVERED BY NORMAL
PERIODIC REPORTS.
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